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REMARKS

Upon entry of the instant Amendment, Claims 1-19 are pending. Applicants gratefully acknowledge that Claim 4 was indicated to be allowable if amended into independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 4 has been so amended and thus should be allowable. Claims 1 and 14 have been amended to more particularly point out Applicants' invention. The figures have been amended to provide various labeling. The Specification has been amended to provide serial numbers for related cases. No new matter has been added.

The drawings were objected to for various informalities. The drawings have been amended in accordance with the suggestions in the Official Action. Applicants note, however, that the objections to FIG. 4 and FIG. 6 are not understood. In FIG. 4, all boxes are labeled; in FIG. 6, the label 8/27 is at top of the page.

Claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Polychronidis et al., U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0018704 ("Polychronidis") in view of Grainger, U.S. Patent No. 6,910,135 ("Grainger"). Applicants respectfully submit that the claimed invention is not taught, suggested, or implied by Polychronidis or Grainger, either singly or in combination.

As discussed in the Specification, aspects of the present invention relate to a telecommunications system including a plurality of network clients including a positioning controller and a communications controller; and a positioning server including a coordinating controller for maintaining a database of network clients to be tracked, said database further including position-presence correlation information for individual users; wherein said positioning server is adapted to receive position information from said plurality of network clients and distribute presence information related to said position information as one or more e-mails to one or more network enterprise devices.

Thus, claim 1 has been amended to recite, "a positioning server including a coordinating controller for maintaining a database of network clients to be tracked, said database further including position-presence correlation information related to party availability for individual users; wherein said positioning server is adapted to

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receive position information from said plurality of network clients and distribute presence information related to said position information as one or more e-mail messages to one or more network enterprise devices."

In contrast, as acknowledged in the Official Action, Polychronidis does not relate to a system including a database that correlates position-presence information. Instead, Grainger is relied on to provide such teaching. Grainger, however, relates to a system for detecting an intruder in a computer system, not to user availability, as generally recited in the claims at issue. Further, neither reference relates to providing position information to user devices as one or more e-mail messages. As such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection.

Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Polychronidis in view of Kauppinen, U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/152454 ("Kauppinen"). Applicants respectfully submit that the claimed invention is not taught, suggested, or implied by Polychronidis or Kauppinen, either singly or in combination.

As discussed above, Polychronidis does not relate to an "e-mail generation unit adapted to generate presence status e-mail and location-presence correlation information from said location information for network users." Instead, Kauppinen is relied on for providing such teaching. However, Kauppinen merely provides that a mobile phone may be given the capability of sending and receiving e-mail (Para. 6). Kauppinen does not appear to contain a hint that presence status e-mail can or should be generated or received. Since neither reference relates to providing presence information in an e-mail, for example, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection.

Claim 6 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Polychronidis in view of Kauppinen and further in view of Chan, U.S. Patent No. 6,760,759 ("Chan"). Applicants respectfully submit that the claimed invention is not taught, suggested, or implied by Polychronidis or Kauppinen or Chan, either singly or in combination. Polychronidis and Kauppinen have been discussed above. Chan is relied on merely for providing a mobile telephone with wireless dial up capability. However, like Polychronidis and Kauppinen, Chan does not appear to relate to

presence information in an e-mail. As such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection.

Claims 7-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Polychronidis in view of Yoakam et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,658,095 ("Yoakam"). Applicants respectfully submit that the claimed invention is not taught, suggested, or implied by Polychronidis or Yoakam, either singly or in combination.

Claim 7 recites "transmitting said one or more positioning and presence correlation rules to a remote device as one or more rules e-mails." Polychronidis has been discussed above. In particular, as discussed above, Polychronidis does not relate to providing positioning information or positioning rules as e-mails. Yoakam is relied on for allegedly teaching customized presence information delivery. However, like Polychronidis, Yoakam does not appear to recognize rules or presence location information being transmitted as one or more e-mails. As such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection.

Claims 14 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Polychronidis in view of Adamczyk et al., U.S. Patent Application No. 2004/0066298 ("Adamczyk"). Applicants respectfully submit that the claimed invention is not taught, suggested, or implied by Polychronidis or Adamczyk, either singly or in combination.

Claim 14 has been amended to recite "an e-mail controller adapted to receive positioning information control updates from said associated server." Polychronidis has been discussed above. Adamczyk is relied on for allegedly providing an e-mail controller adapted to receive control updates. However, Adamczyk merely provides a control update when an e-mail is received. The e-mail controller itself does not receive any updates. As such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection.

Claims 16 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Polychronidis in view of Adamczyk and further in view of Yoakam. Claims 17 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Polychronidis in view of Adamczyk, Yoakam, and further in view of Chan. Each of these references has been discussed above. None of the references teach, inter alia, an e-mail controller not receiving updates, as generally recited in the claims at

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issue. As such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection.

For all of the above reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance, which allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully requested,

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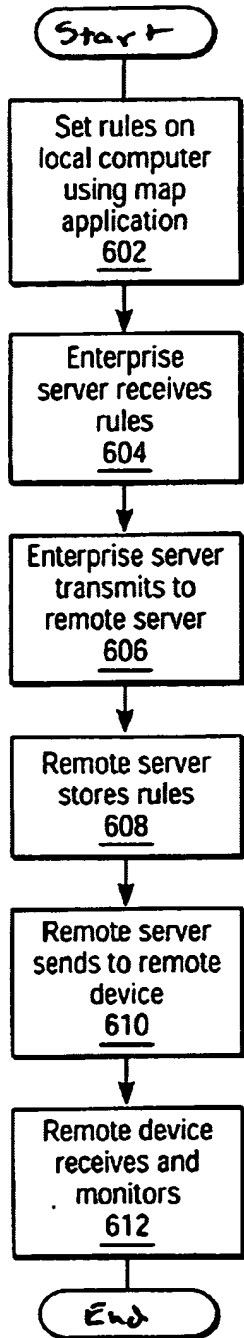


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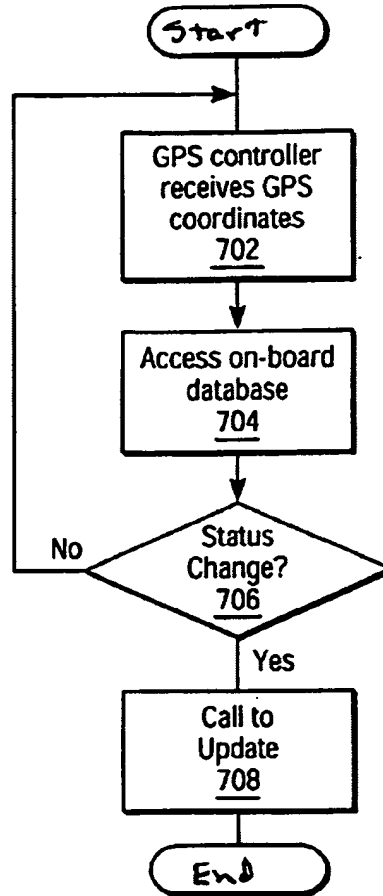


FIG. 7A

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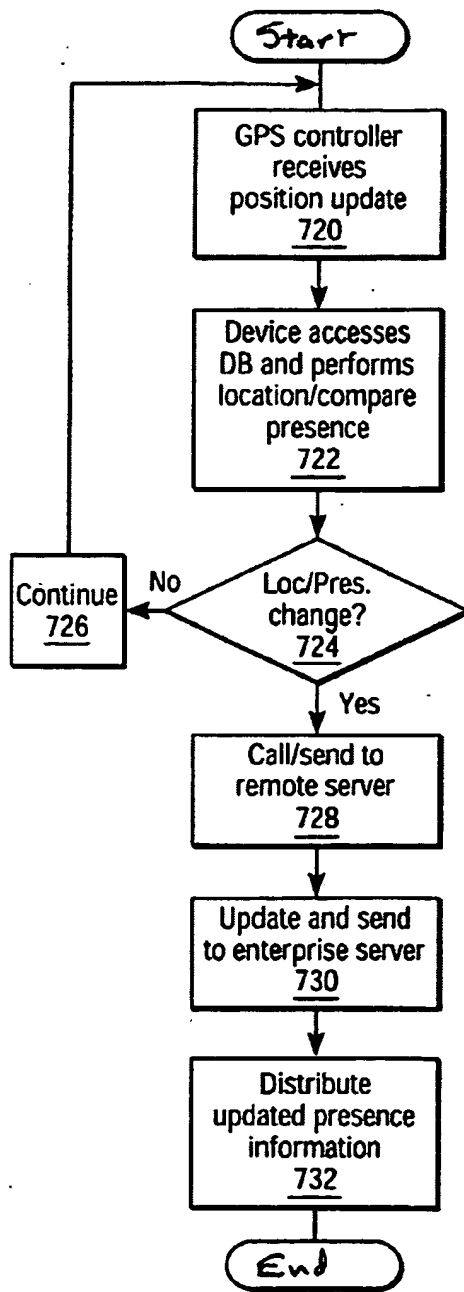


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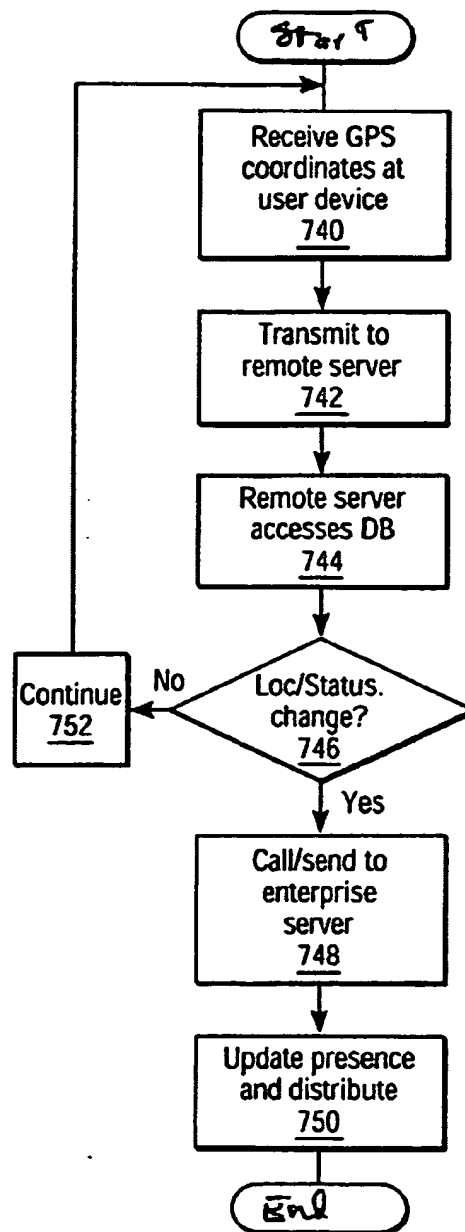


FIG. 7C

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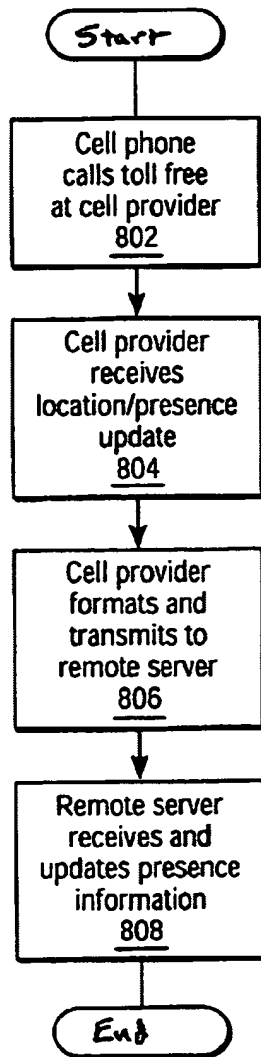


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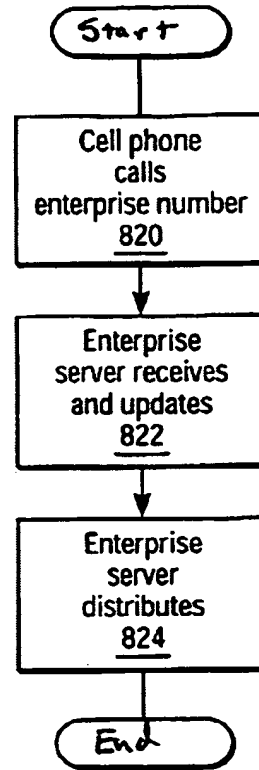


FIG. 8B

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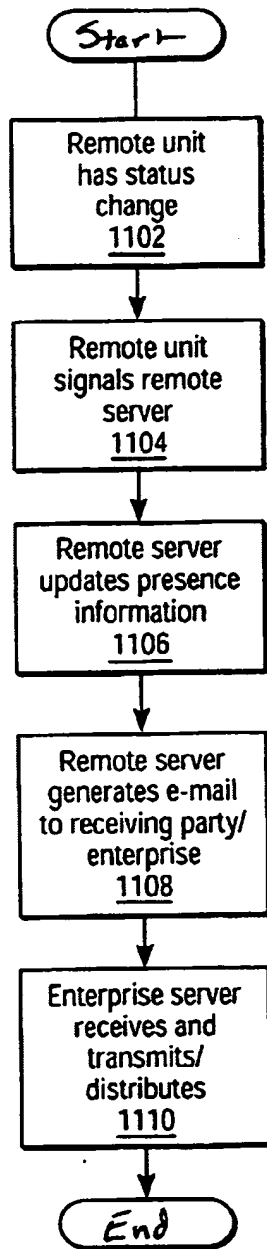


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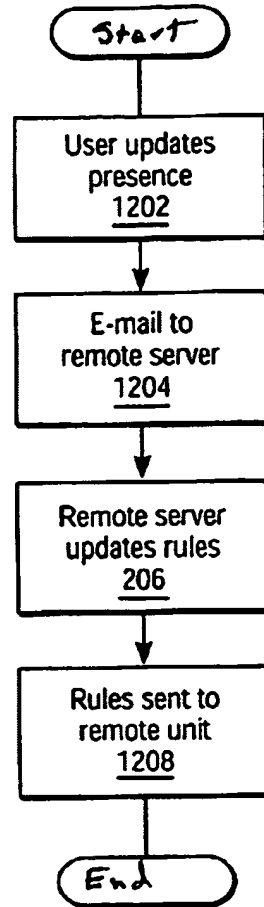


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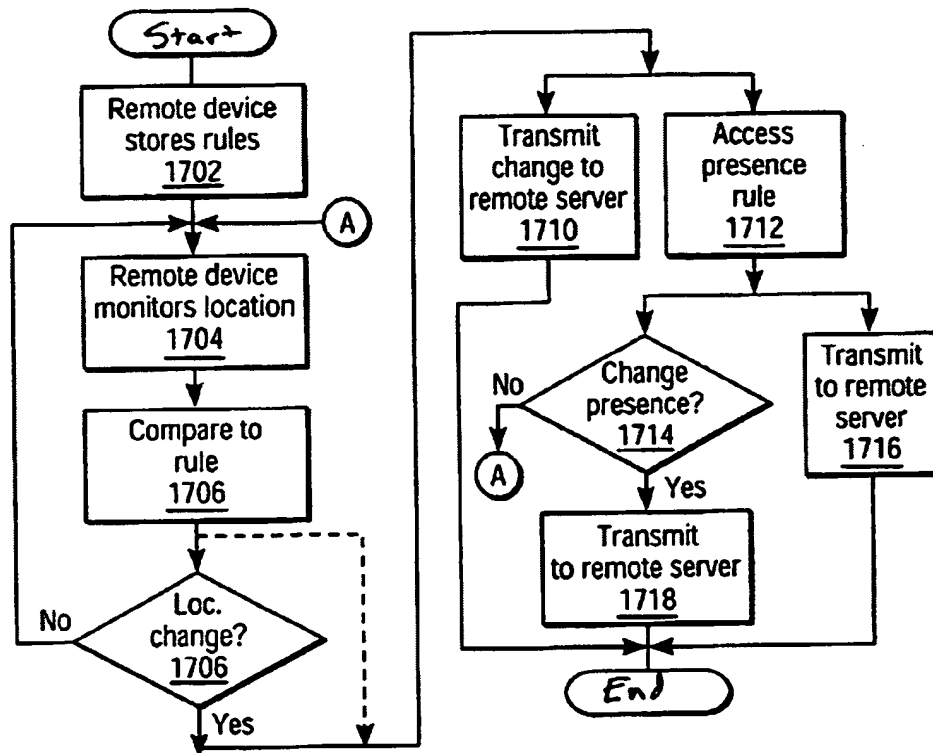


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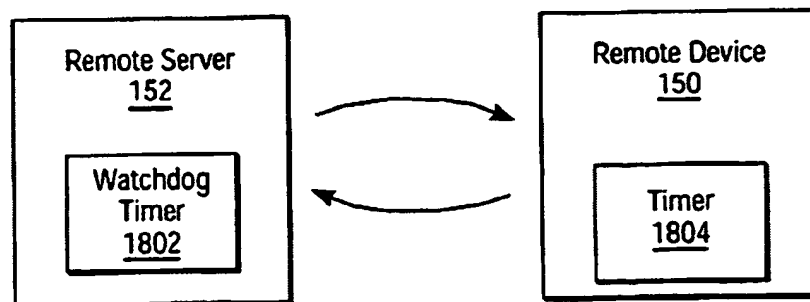


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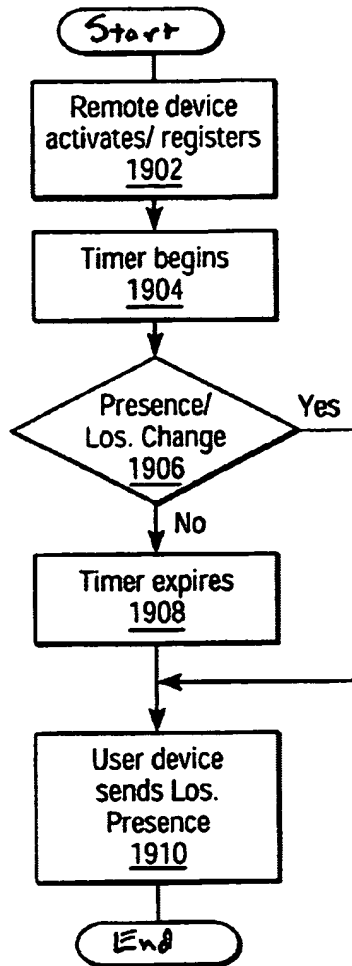


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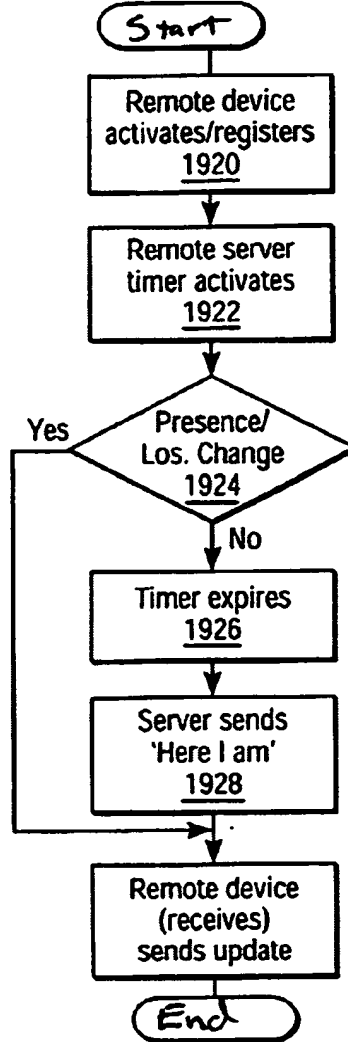


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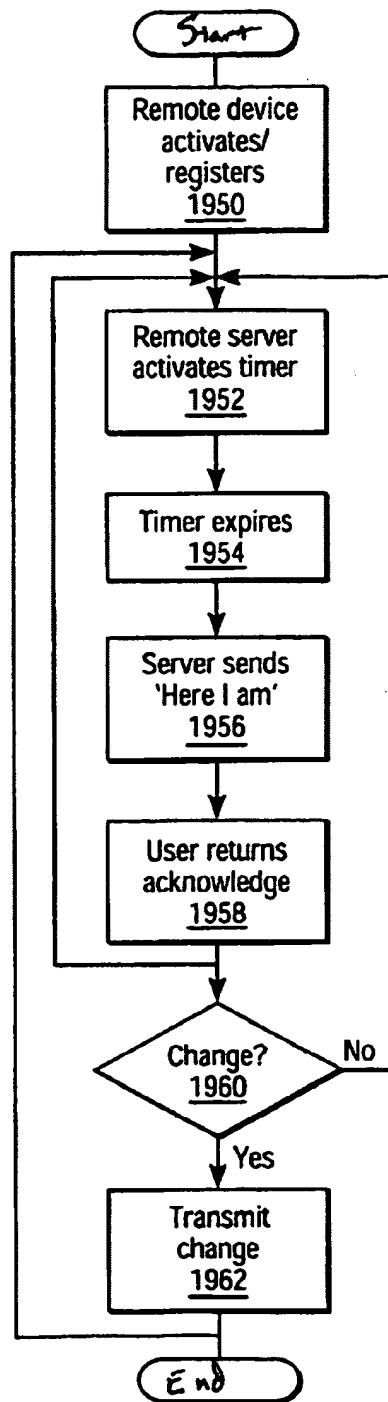


FIG. 19C

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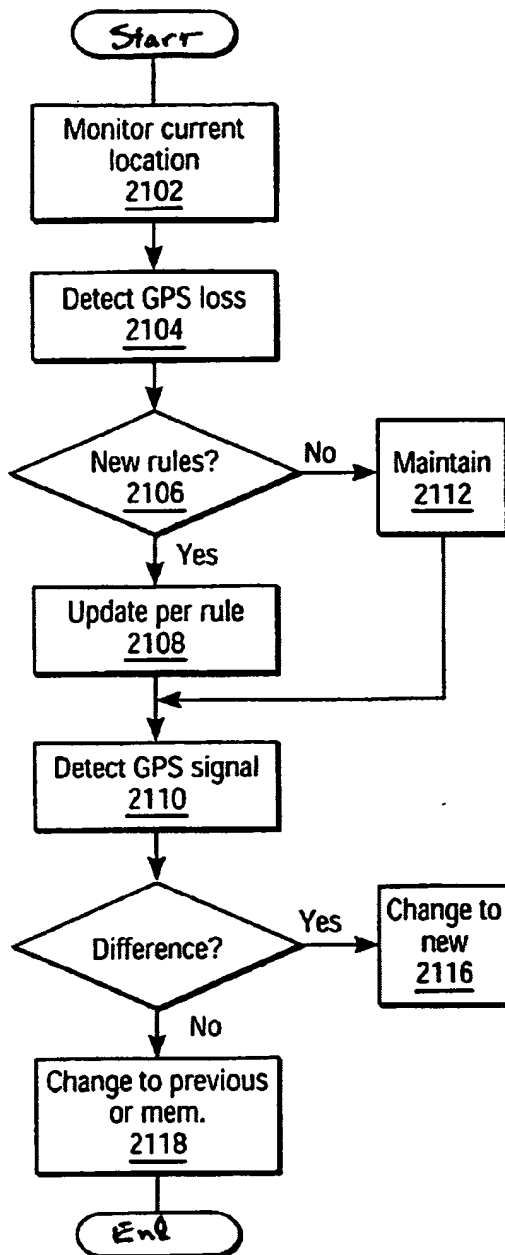


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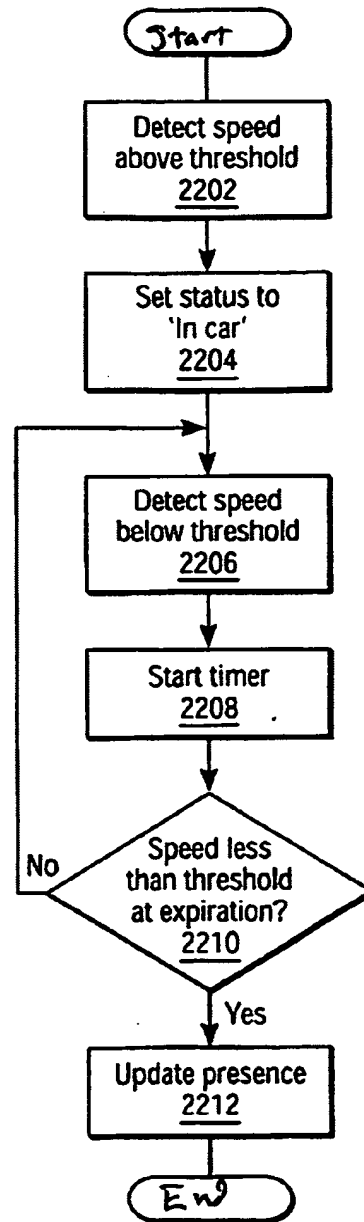


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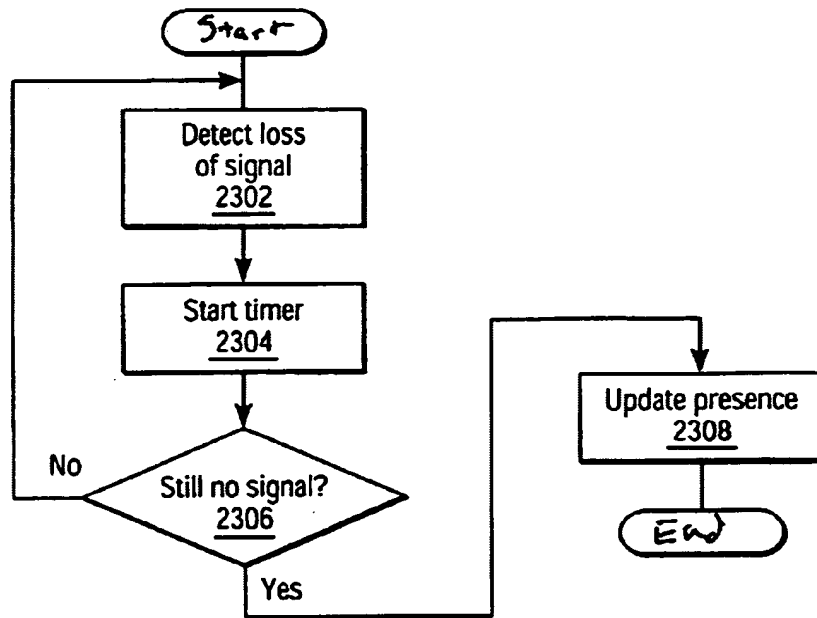


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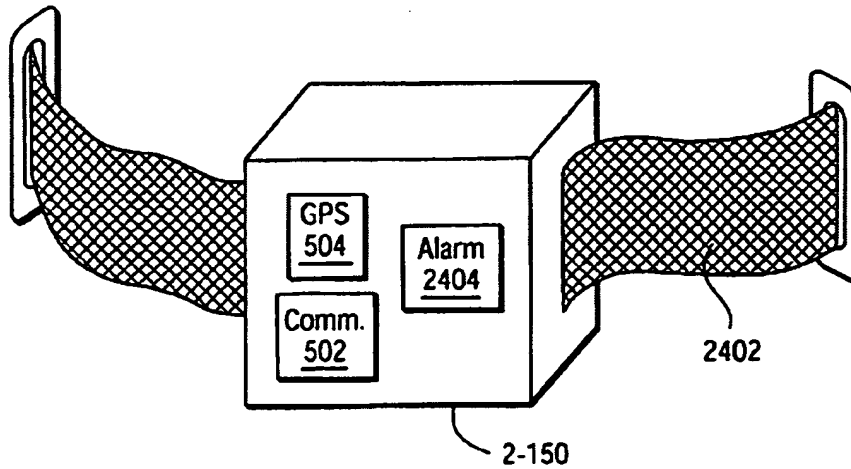


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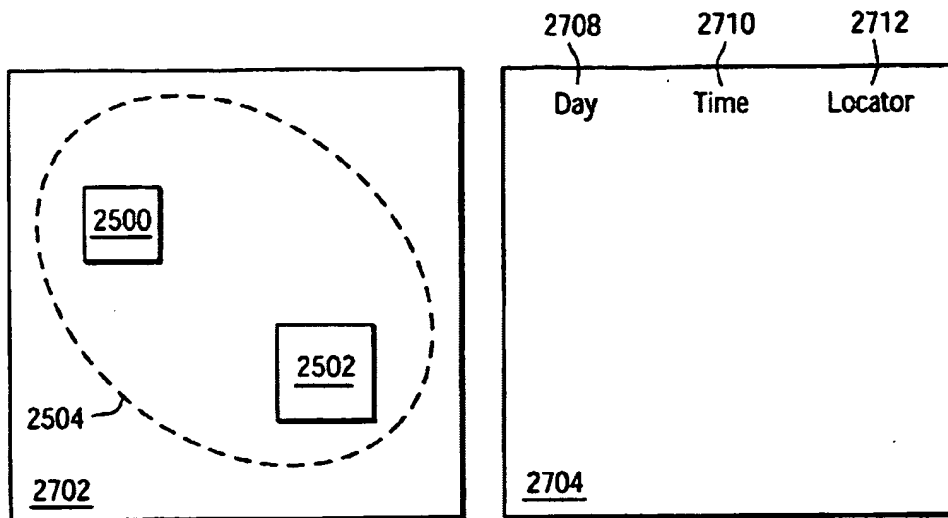


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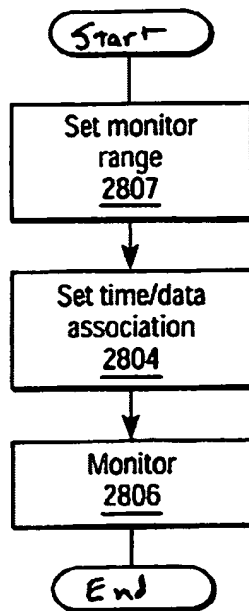


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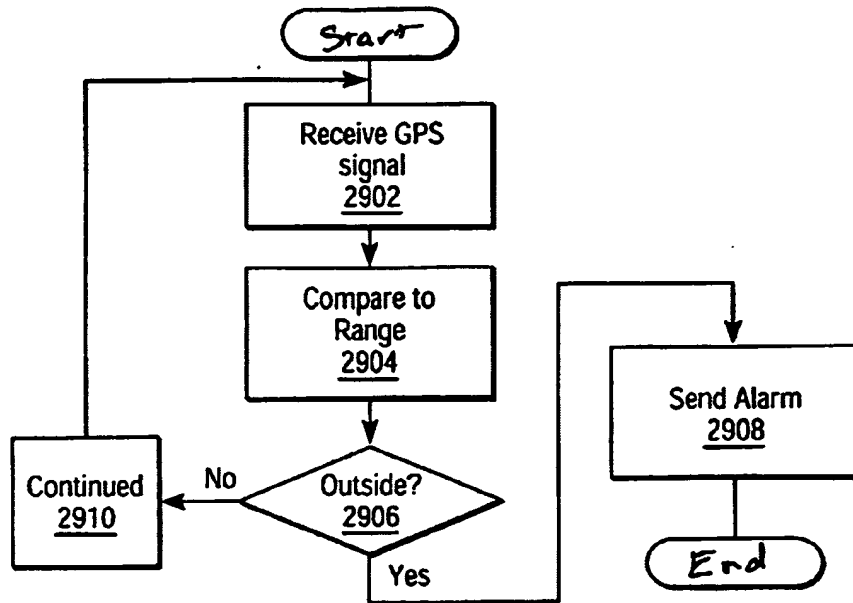


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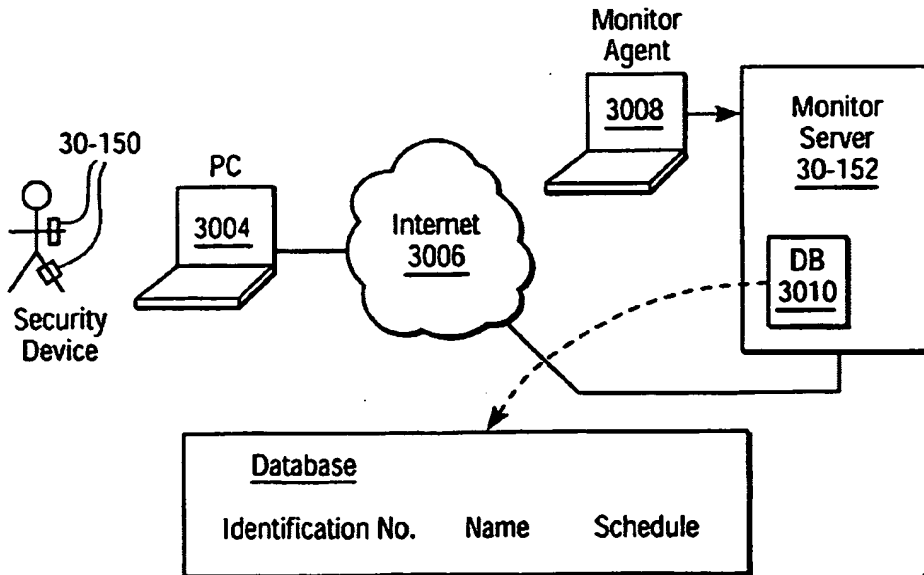


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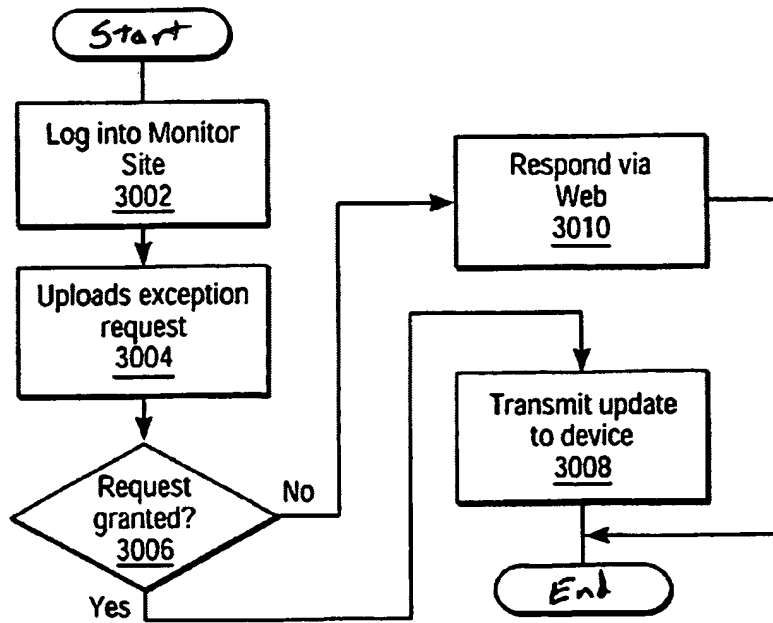


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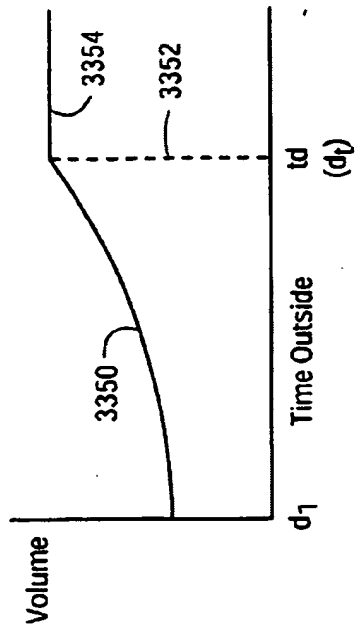


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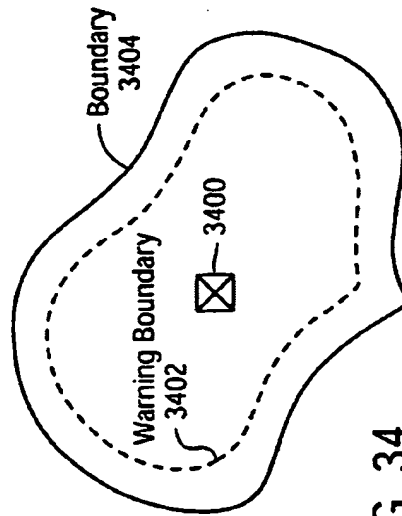


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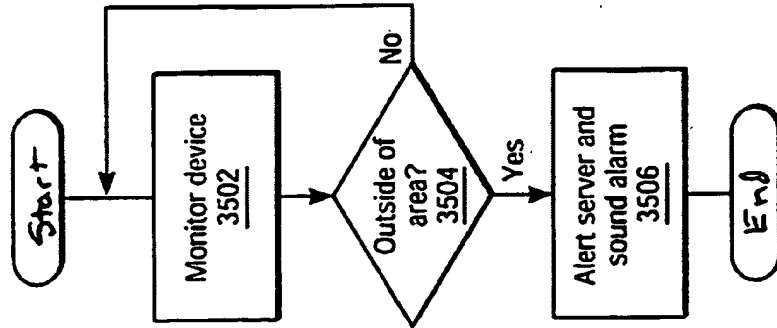


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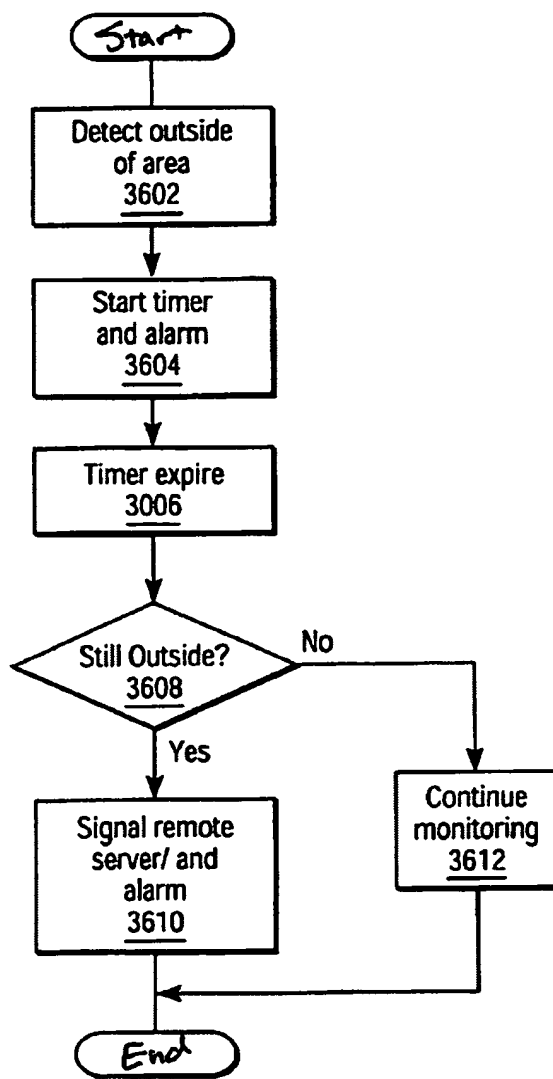


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